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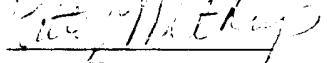
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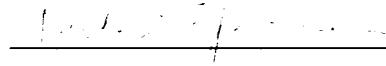
  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please make the following change to the 'CROSS-REFERENCE TO COPENDING APPLICATIONS' section on Page 1 of the enclosed Patent Application, D/A0433Q:

Line 14, after the word 'Toners' add and U.S. Serial No. 09/not yet assigned, filed concurrently herewith (Atty. Docket D/A0433Q1) entitled "AN IMPROVED TONER WITH INCREASED AMOUNT OF SURFACE ADDITIVES AND INCREASED SURFACE ADDITIVE ADHESION".

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